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- 1. AMBASSADOR NAJAR AND CONGEN ARAN CALLED ON USREP DECEMBER 16 TO REPORT ON RESULTS OF THEIR TALKS WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. NAJAR FEELS THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ABSTENTIONS THAN ANTICIPATED, MAYBE 12 OR 13. HOWEVER HE WAS INCLUDING SUCH STATES AS MEXICO, BRAZIL, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, EAST AFRICA, COSTA RICA ALL OF WHOM ADVISED HIM THEY WOULD ABSTAIN "UNLESS THEY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS." USREP WILL DOUBLE CHECK THESE AND OTHER MEMBERS MORNING OF 17TH PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING.
- 2. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT IN US STATEMENT WE WOULD WANT TO SUGGEST THAT "MORE TIME IS NEEDED FOR REFLECTION." FYI: IN OPINION USREP EVEN SUCH A CASUAL SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER POST-PONEMENT WOULD BE IGNORED.
- 3. NAJAR TOUCHED ON QUESTION OF STATUTORY MAJORITY INDICATING THAT IF ABSTENTIONS BEGIN TO MOVE UP TOWARD 15 "ONE WOULD FEEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE SHOOTING HIMSELF IN THE HEAD" IF A STATUTORY MAJORITY HAD

NOT BEEN REQUESTED. USREP POINTED OUT THAT WITH OR WITHOUT STATUTORY THERE WILL EITHER BE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE OR A NOTABLE SWING IN OUR DIRECTION WHICH COULD ONLY REFLECT THE EXASPERATION OF AVIATION PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF A POLITICAL SUBJECT. AGAIN USREP WILL CHECK SITUATION AS WE MOVE TOWARD MEETING.

- 4. PRESIDENT COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORT THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BY THOSE SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE WORD "CONDEMNS" TO "DEPLORES." THE ONLY REMAINING QUESTION IS WHETHER TO ADD WORD "DEEPLY." USREP POINTED OUT TO NAJAR THAT THIS TONE DOWN OF LANGUAGE WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR STATES VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION.
- 5. NAJAR ASKED USREP IF WE MINDED IF ONE OF HIS DELEGATION CONTACTED US ON THE FLOOR DURING THE MEETING. USREP SAID THIS WAS NEVER DONE IN ICAO COUNCIL BUT IT WAS NOT AGAINST RULES AND I HAD NO OBJECTION IF IT SEEMED USEFUL. USREP POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT MEETING PROBABLY WOULD NOT LAST LONGER THAN 20-30 MINUTES. NAJAR SAID HE KNEW IT WOULD LAST LONGER THAN THAT BECAUSE HIS OWN STATEMENT IS LONGER THAN THAT. FYI: PRESIDENT COUNCIL TOLD USREP IN ANOTHER CONTEXT THAT HE IS PUTTING EGYPT PAPER FIRST ON OB DEC 17 FOLLOWED BY ALL JOINT SUPPORT COMMITTEE PAPERS ON DEN/ICE ESTIMATES, CEILINGS, ETC. (WHICH HE EXPECTS TO MOVE VERY FAST.) THESE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY 6 OR 8 REMAINING ITEMS FOR THE SESSION AND HE HOPES TO COMPLETE THEM ALL AND ADJOURN EVENING 17TH. END FYI
- 6. USREP WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON QUESTIONS OF STATUTORY MAJORITY AND FURTHER POSTPONEMENT. AT PRESENT POSTPONEMENT ABSOLUTELY OUT OF QUESTION AND STATUTORY MAJORITY SEEMS USELESS IF NOT INADVISABLE. HARPER

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